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To whom it may concern:

Over the past 10 years I have responded to a number of Federal, State and Utility-based incentives to move towards renewables by installing a large solar array, battery backup and net metering system at my families home. I then moved to an electric powered heat pump and high efficiency gas water heater, again less for short term economic reasons then the belief that if I could do these things to reduce my carbon footprint I should.

So it is with this in mind that I am writing you to oppose current efforts afoot to make renewables, specifically Solar, more expensive through the imposition of a fee on consumers who rely partly on Solar to provide for their electricity needs.

If anything logic suggests that net metering patrons should not only NOT pay a monthly fee for this but instead utilities should be required provide a net metering credit that, at a minimum, is equivalent to the full avoided cost they have by not being required to add generating power to their portfolio.

We need to encourage innovation in power generation and storage not discourage it and fees of the nature proposed by our electric utility on solar users are nothing but an economic disincentive that flies in the face of the incentives the federal government and State of Utah otherwise provide.

Thank you for hearing my views,

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